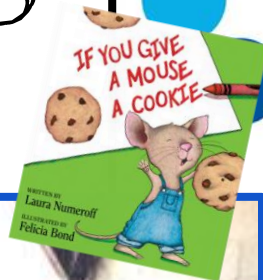


Summer Reading in the Park

Danielle Anguish, Henderson Co. Public Library

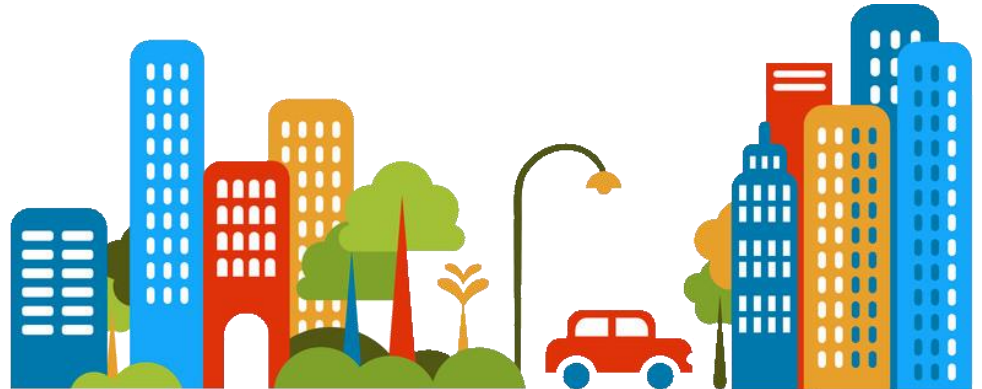


The History

- A collaboration that began in 2014 between the Early Learning Center, HCPL, Early Childhood council, Henderson Co. Parks and the Farmers Market.
- The goal of the program was to bring together nature, healthy eating and literacy to our families during the summer months.
- The first session of summer reading, we were in a small shelter but quickly realized we would need to move to a larger location and find additional funding due to large attendance.

Community Partners

- Henderson County Early Childhood Council
- Henderson County Public Library
- Thelma B. Johnson Early Learning Center
- Family Resource Centers for Henderson County Schools
- Child Nutrition Program of Henderson County Schools
- Henderson Farmer's Market/Voucher program
- Henderson Parks and Programs
- City of Henderson
- Better Bites of Henderson County
- Henderson Family Magazine
- Cairo Elementary
- Henderson County Childcares



The Program

12 Sessions

- 6 weeks
- Tuesday at County Park and Thursday at City Park

At each Session:

- Storytime
- Meet and Greet with Character
- Activity
- Kindergarten Readiness Skill
- Giveaways
- Free used book
- Better Bites
- Lunch is provided
- Bookmobile is available



Summer Reading in the Park

10:30-11:30 AM



A collaboration of:
Henderson Early Childhood Council, Henderson
Public Library, Thelma B. Johnson Early Learning
Center, Henderson Parks and Programs, City of
Henderson, Henderson County Schools, Family
Resource Youth Service Centers and Henderson
UK Cooperative Extension

Please join us
for fun in the
park! We will
read a story,
have a small
activity, and
meet the book
character!
Lunch will be
provided for
children through
Henderson
County Schools
Summer Feeding
Program!

Locations

Tuesdays
Freedom Park
383 Sam Ball Way
Henderson, KY
42420

Thursdays
Central Park
10 S. Main Street
Henderson, KY
42420
(meet at Gazebo)



Dates

- June 6 & 8 : Maisy
- June 13 & 15: Lilly
and her Purple
Plastic Purse
- June 20 & 22:
Frog and Toad
- June 27 & 29: If
you give a mouse
a cookie
- July 11 & 13: Splat
the Cat
- July 18 & 20: Poky
Little Puppy

Please Call TBJ ELC at 270-854-0140 for more information

How this program works!

What you will need

- Crafts and supplies (Oriental Trading)
- Books (Donations for used books and Amazon for new prize books)
- Giveaways (Amazon and private donations)
- Microphone and speaker
- Book character costume (Costume Specialist)
- Staff and volunteers
- Lunch

Crafts!

Crafts and supplies (Oriental Trading)

- simple
- self-contained
- Peel and stick is a wonderful thing!
- Snacks can supplement craft if they go with the story



Books!

Free book table (Gently used books)

- Books weeded from your collection.
- Donations from schools and families.



Prize books- Several copies of books are purchased to go along with the book character.

- Books are distributed by drawings, typically
- Occasionally, each family in attendance leaves with one copy, depending on attendance and the amount of copies we have.



Sound and Characters!

- Microphone and speaker- Depending on the size of your crowd, the location of your program and the storytellers voice, you may want to consider a sound system of some type.
- Speaking from experience reading a story to a huge crowd, without a microphone, is very hard on your voice and your audience's ears.
- Book Characters- Costume Specialist is where we borrow our costumes. You pay for the shipping and they do the rest.

www.costumepecialists.com





Staff!

What you will need

- Staff and volunteers- All hands on deck!
- This program works much easier when you have many helpers, but that is not always possible!
- Skeleton Crew will do!
- It can be done with a few as four!
- Make sure you have someone to wear the costume!
- Teen volunteers!- Utilize them!

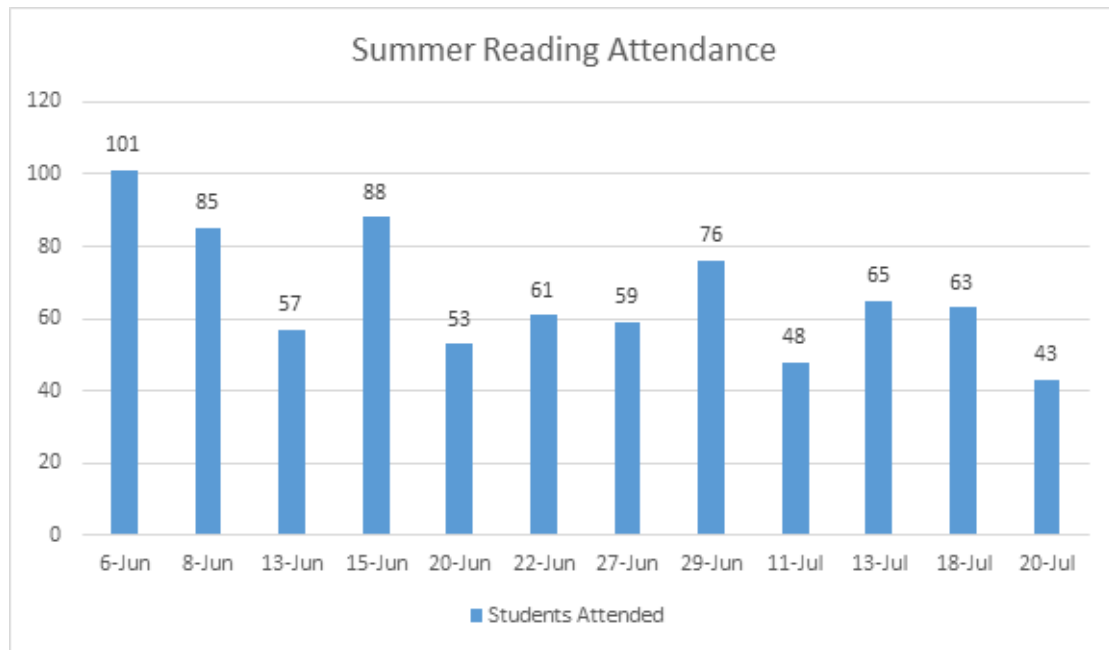




Lunch!

- Provided by the Henderson County Schools Summer Feeding program.
- A healthy sack lunch is provided every Tuesday and Thursday at both parks.

Total Attendance: 799



Attendance does not include children served at private childcare facilities



How the program has developed over the years!

- Since our program has progressed over the last few years, we have added additional elements. This year we had Tales and Scales perform for our students!
- While at the county park, we were able to have our city bus extend their route to allow for parents to be transported to Summer Reading in the Park.
- We have also added more partners to the program. (i.e city parks, better bites, local childcares)

How do we pay for this?

- Early Childhood Council grant funds pay for materials, books, costumes, and entertainment.
- In kind from Family Resource Coordinator, Principal and some other school staff.
- Donations
- Lunch is provided through the schools
- Parks are free of charge

PARTNERSHIPS ARE POWERFUL AND PERSONAL



RESULTS OF AN IMPRESSIVE PARTNERSHIP

- It's sound fiscal sense for schools and public libraries to pool their limited resources
- We're in an era that institutions need to look and see who they can partner with and strategically use each other's assets
- What the kids get is wonderful open access to lots of resources



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